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1. IF STATE AND COMMERCE HAVE NO OBJECTIONS, EMBASSY
PLANS TO CONTINUE TO DELAY SUBMISSION OF ITS ANNUAL
ECONOMIC TRENDS REPORT NORMALLY DUE ON JUNE 5. ANDICATED REFTEL, WE
HADHOPED BY THIS TIME TO HAVE
READING ON COMMERICAL CONSEQUENCES OF FRANCO-MALAGASY
NEGOTIATIONS AND MADAGASCAR'S DEPARTURE FROM FRENCH
FRANC ZONE. UNFORTUNATELY DURING PAST MONTH GOMR HAS
NOT GONE ANY FURTHER TOWARD DEFINING ITS POLICY ON TRADE AND
INVESTMENT MATTERS.

2. THE MOST IMPORTANT QUESTION RELATING TO FUTURE OF U.S. IMPORTS REMAINS UNANSWERED. THIS IS WHAT ALTERATIONS GOMR WILL MAKE IN EXISITING IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM WHICH NOW DISCRIMINATES AGAINST IMPORTS FROM NON-EEC AND NON-FRENCH FRANC ZONE COUNTRIES INIGUDING U.S. OFFICIAL IN FOREIGN MINISTRY RECENTLY INFORMED US THAT GOMR COULD NOT ADDRESS QUESTION OF IMPORT QUOTA SYSTEM UNTIL AFTER CREATION OF NEW CENTRAL SINCE NEW CENTRAL STARTED OPERATION ON JULY 2, WE WOULD HPE THAT OFFICIALS IN MINISTRY OF ECONOMY AND FINANCE CAN NOW GIVE THOUGHT TO REVISION OF THAT QUOTA SYSTEM.

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